IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Edward J. Stashluk, Jr. et al

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Examiner:

Michael Misiaszek

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Title:

MERCHANDISE RETURN SYSTEM WITH VALUE

ADDED RETURNS PROCESSING (DATA

COMMUNICATIONS)

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments.